

SUBJECT: Presentation College – Approval of New 7-12 Teacher Preparation Programs

BACKGROUND: In response to the 2008 Strategic Planning Session involving Presentation College faculty, staff, administration, students, board members, and community members, the strategic priority of expanding the number and types of degrees Presentation College offers was discussed in an effort to reach the enrollment goal of 1200 students before the year 2012. Because Presentation College has a history and mission-related emphasis in education, in addition to having a strong curriculum base in the areas chosen for a secondary education degree (biology, psychology, business, English, History), the College believes that secondary education can be one of the many successful programs available to PC students. Admissions and athletic recruiters have also identified the need for an education degree through prospective student requests at college fairs and other recruiting events for the past several years. With the expansion of Presentation College athletic programs, additional programs and degrees will allow a variety of options for incoming students.

Presentation College would like to begin to offer these programs in the fall of 2010. Dr. Metzinger will be presenting an overview of the submitted application, their self-study, supporting documents, and a timeline.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to proceed with program approval at Presentation College.